

ABSTRACT

A common bundling tape (T) to be used for bundling bank notes of different denominations is held in a tape reel (14). A printing mechanism (21) is disposed on a tape feed passage (20) to print the bundling tape (T) with a mark indicating the denomination of bank notes. The printing mechanism (21) prints a mark indicating the denomination of bank notes of a bank note stack (P) on the substantially whole part of the outermost layer of the bundling tape bundling the bank notes when the bundling tape is fed. After winding the printed bundling tape (T) round the bank note stack (P), a tape carrying system (17) is reversed to take up a slack in the bundling tape (T) wound round the bank note stack (P) and tighten the bundling tape (T). Subsequently, a tape cutter (10) cuts off the bundling tape (T) not used for bundling the bank note stack (P) and heat-bonding member (13) heat-bonds together superposed leading and trailing end parts of the bundling tape (T) bundling the bank note stack (P). Then, the leading end of the bundling tape (T) for the next bundling process is moved backward to a print starting position to prepare for the next bundling process.